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1. FEDERATION OF LABOUR (FOL) SECRETARY KNOWX HAS INFORMED LABATT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND AFL-CIO CONVENTION AS HE MUST ATTEND ILO SPONSORED MEETING IN COLOMBO SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 10. KNOX ASKS THAT HIS REGRETS ON NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND BE PASSED TO AFL-CIO. IN VIEW OF THIS AND STATEMENT BY FOL PRESIDENT SKINNER THAT TRIP TO JUNE ILO CONFERENCE WOULD BE LAST HE WILL MAKE OVERSEAS FOR FOL, EMBASSY NOW DOES NOT INTEND NOMINATE CANDIDATE TO ATTEND CONVENTION. (WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE NOMINATING LABOR GRANTEE LATER IN FISCAL YEAR FOR PROGRAM TAILORED TO THAT INDIVIDUAL'S SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST.)

2. KNOX HAS ALSO INFORMED LABATT THAT HIS ATTENDANCE AT MEXICO CITY ICFTU MEETING NOW IN DOUBT AS ACTU PRESIDENT BOB HAWKE HAS INDICATED HE WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING. IF KNOX DOES ATTEND MEETING, AND IF TIME ALLOWS, EMBASSY INTENDS NOMINATE KNOX FOR TEN DAY PARTIAL GRANT. SELDEN

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